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The *Janesville Gazette* is now the largest paper printed in the state, and having the matter published in the Daily, Tri-Weekly, and Weekly editions, it is well calculated to meet the wants of any newspaper in Wisconsin. In correct political doctrine, in reliable market reports, in giving the news from all quarters, in literary merit and in local information, it stands first in the state, and we shall spare no pains to make the *Waukesha Gazette* worthy of public patronage and support.

The News.

A considerable portion of the dispatches this evening is taken up with a report of the trial of the conspirators which included Mr. Lincoln, Seward, Johnson and General Grant. The guilt of the prisoners appears to be conclusive, and there is no little or no sympathy felt for them any where.

The rebel Governor, Vance, of North Carolina has been caught by a detachment of Kilpatrick's cavalry, and will be sent to Washington immediately to be tried for treason. Our cavalry are also on the track of McGrath, Gov. of South Carolina.

The Kentucky Legislature has assembled to try Chief Justice Bullitt of that State for conspiracy.

The news of the capture of Jeff Davis was received with great mortification and humiliation by his old associates at Richmond. He is said to be on his way, under guard of Union cavalry, via Macon, Atlanta and Chattanooga, for Nashville, whence he will be taken to Washington via Louisville and Cincinnati.

The Texas rebels are still reported to be in favor of the last ditch policy. General Magruder says he sees nothing in the military situation at all discouraging. His eye sight is evidently not good.

Governor Brown, of Georgia, has been arrested and is on his way to Washington. The *Nashville Press* learns that Gen. Forrest was killed by Capt. Walder of the rebel army, in revenge for the shooting of his son.

An agent of Barnum's offered \$500 for the gown in which Jeff Davis was captured, while two prominent Chicago gentlemen have been pleading for it as an addition to the Northwestern Fair.

Gold closed at \$130.

The American Bible Society held its forty-ninth anniversary in New York on Thursday. Its report contains the following items, embodying the result of its last year's work: Receipts from all sources, \$677,851.35; of which there were from sales of books, \$494,722.16; from donations, collections and legacies, etc., \$256,750.96; rents, \$16,378.54. Life directors constituted, 89. Life members, 2,284. Books printed at the Bible House, 1,432,575; and in foreign lands, 287,904; total printed, 1,729,569. Books issued from the depository, 2530,271; and in foreign lands, exclusive of those sent thither from the Bible House, 300,193; entire issues of the year, 1,830,564 volumes. Aggregate issues of the last four years (of the war), 5,304,703 volumes. Total number of volumes issued since the organization of the Society, 20,607,564. Books sold during the year, 793,365 volumes, valued at \$35,978.64.

At the anniversary of the Congregational Union at New York, on Thursday, the following extracts from a letter from Chief Justice Chase, were read by Theodore Tilton: "I would like to say to the Christians who shall assemble at your reunion, an earnest word on the present great national duty of granting to the freedmen of the South the right of self-protection by the ballot." \* \* \* My last communication on this subject with the good President whom we have lost, was on the morning of the black day, and I may say that he was nearer right on this subject, according to my views of right, on the last day of his life than on any day before. Our new President, I have the happiness to say, is a man whose democracy is as broad as the democracy of the Declaration of Independence."

**COURT.**—The case, City of Janesville vs. Thos. Madden came on this morning. It seems the action was brought against the defendant for an alleged violation of the ordinance passed last season by the Common Council, relative to the measurement of wood. Mr. M. purchased a load of wood which had been measured, and the seller gave him the certificate of the measurer; but he afterwards bought of the same man a load which was not measured. For this he was prosecuted in a justice's court, and was discharged. The suit was carried to the Circuit Court and the jury this morning rendered a verdict of \$5.00 and costs against the defendant. Parties buying wood will do well to make a note of this case.

**DOCTOR THAT OUGHT TO TAKE HIS OWN MEDICINE.**—In regard to the treatment of Jeff Davis, we may ask in the very words which Davis himself used in the Senate of the United States, when speaking of John Brown:

"Who would seek to dull the sword of justice in favor of him whose crime connects with all that is most abhorrent to humanity, the violation of every obligation to the social compact, the laws, the Constitution, the requirements of public virtue and personal honor?"

The medicine for old John Brown, is good enough for those who prescribed it.

Baronets were admitted to the trial of the assassination conspirators on Saturday. One of the witnesses established a chain extending to Richmond and Canada. The person who thus testifies was an old companion of Booth and Surratt, and boarder with Mrs. Surratt. Dr. Mudd is also drawn in deeply, and Mrs. Surratt is shown to have been one of the leading spirits in the plot.

The Chicago Journal appeared on Monday in a new and enlarged dress. It is one of the most reliable, enterprising and valuable papers published in the West.

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Last Tuesday a distillery was seized by the Government at Peoria, Ill., and 157 barrels of contraband whisky discovered.

Five granite stores, five stories in height, situated on Long Wharf, in Boston, are to be taken down, removed and re-erected in Cambridge, five miles or more distant.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 1865.

## In Camp Near Montgomery, Ala.

APRIL 27, 1865.

**Editors Gazette:**—In my last it was announced, in postscript, that Blakely and its defenders were in our possession. The next day our heavy guns were brought to bear upon two well-appointed water batteries of the enemy, about a mile and a quarter to the south and west of where we then lay. A vigorous response was elicited, and the firing continued with but slight intermission during the day. Profiting, however, by the experience of their comrades in arms, at Spanish Fort and Blakeley, under cover of darkness they withdrew for parts unknown—though probably for Mobile—leaving in our hands all their guns and ammunition. On the morning of the 12th inst. our boats steamed up to the city, to find that also evacuated and to receive its surrender at the hands of the municipal authorities. Leaving there a small force to garrison the town, on the 13th the balance of our forces were put in motion for Montgomery, the capital of Alabama. The column, under Gen. Steel, proceeding by transports up the Alabama river, the 16th Corps, under Gen. Smith, marching in the direction of Greenville. We were thirteen days on the road, resting but once during the time. The average rate of progress was 15 miles per day. Never was a march executed with greater alacrity. Stimulated by past successes, our war-worn battalions were eager for new fields of action and aspiring to new victories. On the evening of the 18th, couriers from Gen. Canby arrived at Gen. Smith's headquarters with the news of the probable surrender of Lee and his army to Gen. Grant. Then, to an extent never before known, the mountains and hills, the valleys and plains of Alabama reverberated with victorious shouts and loud and prolonged huzzas for the Union. It was not, however, till the 22d that official dispatches made it certain that our joy had a solid foundation. Voices were now found quite inadequate to the occasion. The agency of artillery was, therefore, invoked and well supplied the deficiency. After 200 rounds from some of our best speakers, the demonstrative element of our joy seemed in a great degree satisfied, and the march was resumed early the next morning, with the comfortable feeling that the fighting was doubtless at an end. A marked change was now perceptible the whole length of our lines. Instead of threats against rebels, were now to be heard respectful references to the valor of the troops who had so long withheld our prowess. Even the jayhawking gent—*a class with* which every army is more or less infested—were among the foremost to declare that the rights of private property should no longer be invaded. Citizens and soldiers were to be seen at short intervals, interchanging salutations—the former rejoicing in the feeling of safety the news had brought them—the latter, in being able to communicate intelligence making glad the hearts of those so recently counted as enemies. About this time, also, we began to meet paroled rebel soldiers returning to their families and friends, all of whom seemed even more rejoiced, if possible, at the prospect of a speedy peace, than ourselves. Great ignorance, however, generally prevailed among the citizens on our route, both in respect to the recent and the more remote events of the war. This, however, is no matter of surprise; for, by Steel's march from Pensacola, and Gen. Wilson's raid to Selma, thence to Montgomery, and afterwards to the Columbus, (Ga.) Railroad, communications had been cut and the transmission of mails rendered impossible. If there were any exceptions to this suspension of mail lines, the people did not seem to be the gainers by it. Better is total ignorance than mis-information. No other, however, had the Confederate papers been in the habit of disseminating, prior to our arrival, except when acknowledged success had crowned their arms. For example, the day before we entered the city, a story had been put in circulation along our lines,—taken from the Montgomery paper—that Gen. Lee had just gained two prodigious victories over Grant, that Johnston had badly beaten Sherman and taken a large number of prisoners, and that Forrest had entered Vicksburg at the head of 25,000 men. It was also made a part of the story that Secretary Seward and President Lincoln had been assassinated and the country was draped in mourning on that account. Knowing the first part of the statement false, we of course, discredited the last.

The inhabitants for two-thirds of the way from Mobile are miserably poor. The land they occupy is of the poorest quality incapable of producing good crops of anything valuable, even with the best of culture. Yet, even this barren soil contains one element of wealth—a large growth of pitch pine trees. In the vicinity of Mobile Bay the pitch derived from them by tapping is converted into spirits of turpentine, resin and tar. A liberal supply of Yankee enterprise would, no doubt, make the manufacture of these articles highly remunerative.

Montgomery, the Capital of Alabama and the first Capital of the Confederacy, was surrendered to Gen. Smith on the 24th inst. We marched directly through it on the 25th, glad in passing, once more to behold evidences of civilization and social refinement. The city is situated on the Alabama river and contains of all col- ors, about 15,000 inhabitants. Its streets are regular, ample and magnificently shaded; its public buildings, private residences and business houses, indicative of thrift if not of opulence; and its population courteous and friendly beyond what might have been expected. If any thing had been wanting to perfect their disgust of the Confederacy and prepare them to extend to the Federal troops a hearty welcome, it was supplied by the rebel gentle-

men and Buford, just before the arrival of Gen. Wilson's cavalry. Aware of the near approach of United States forces, these paragons of Southern chivalry ordered the large cotton warehouse to be fired, against the earnest remonstrances of a committee appointed by the city council to wait on them and learn their intentions. One building thus destroyed, covered, by actual measurement, three acres and a quarter of ground. The whole amount of cotton consumed was nearly 100,000 bales, worth at least, \$30,000,000. The conflagration is thus described by the editor of the Montgomery Daily Mail:

## THE CONFLAGRATION.

"About 5 o'clock orders were issued for the destruction of the cotton, and the smoke from Johnson's warehouse was to be the signal. The large cotton warehouses of Lehman, Durr & Co., Murphy and Co., Gilmer's and others, were fired simultaneously. The scene which followed beggars description. Dense columns of smoke piled above the city and almost shut out the light of the sun. Women with frightened countenances were seen running hither and thither, crying and wringing their hands, and hundreds of excited persons were endeavoring to secure the furniture from the adjacent houses. We have never witnessed a more heart-rending spectacle, and the distress of the innocent persons endangered by the fury of the devastating element, would have excited the pity, even of the destroyers, if they had remained long enough to witness the execution of their desperate order. The flames enveloped the buildings and burned with great rapidity, and before night all these large warehouses, with their contents, lay in heaps of smoldering ruins. It was a miracle that the city was not utterly destroyed. The wind was setting in from the east, and carried the flames away from the city. The escape seemed almost providential."

The same paper thus speaks of the advent of our troops: "The troops kept pouring into the city all through the day and kept arriving all the next day. They were passed rapidly and in the strictest order through the city to selected encampments several miles beyond town. With but few exceptions, the troops behaved in a very exemplary manner, and their march evinced the highest order of discipline." Thus it will be seen that the chief disaster to the citizens of Montgomery, in the loss of property, is charged, *by their own press*, upon the high-minded, chivalrous rebel generals themselves. The people of these parts are fast learning who their real friends are, and the character of the motives by which their leaders were actuated in plunging the country into civil war. Read the following from a later issue of the paper before quoted: "It is reported that Buford is burning the cotton of the planters and other citizens in the vicinity of this place. It is a great pity the lightning couldn't strike the old sot and spill a few gallons of very mean whisky."

A general hospital for our sick and wounded soldiers has been established in a healthy part of the town, and the indications are that the town will remain in our possession, till the state shall have taken her place once more under the stripes and stars.

Gen. Steel's command not having yet arrived, the troops now here are suffering for want of rations. They were to have been brought up the river to this place in connection with the fleet under his control. For several days the only articles of food in the 1st division have been corn meal and a tolerable supply of fresh meat. No coffee or sugar.

The old "Live Eagle Regiment,"—as the 8th continues to be called—is in usual health and spirits. In looking over the official papers of the regiment I find the following facts which may be of interest to many of your readers:

Number of men on coming into the service..... 900  
Additions at sundry times by volunteering..... 300  
Present number..... 1,200  
Whole number of miles travelled on foot..... 2,941  
Whole number of miles travelled by steamer..... 676  
Whole number of miles travelled by railroad..... 3015  
Total number of miles travelled..... 15,726  
Number of skirmishes with the enemy..... 21  
Number of pitched battles fought..... 16

Best of all, it never yet turned its back upon the enemy. J. HOBART,  
Chaplain 8th Regt. Wis. Vol. Inf.

P. S. April 30th.—Since writing the above our fleet has arrived, confirming the report of the assassination of President Lincoln. The indignation of the soldiery scarcely knows any bounds. If it shall appear that this murder was instigated by Northern copperheads, as is at present believed, woe be to them when the army shall be disbanded.

II.—Concerning the Second Cavalry.  
CENTER WIS., May 13th, 1865.

**Messrs Editors:**—Some of the friends of the 2d cavalry have been looking some for that regiment to be mustered out soon. The following extract from a letter just received from a private in Co M, of that regiment, will show that the "boys" are not yet "homeward bound," but that they have taken "tother road." You can publish it or such portions of it as suits your convenience.

Yours Respectfully,  
J. C. FITCH.  
Camp 2d Wis. Cav., near Memphis, Tenn., May 8th, 1865.

DEAR.—We have just drawn 37 days' rations: sugar, coffee, hard tack, (pilot bread) and smoked side meat. Seven days' in our war bags (haversacks) and thirty on the wagons. It is thought we go to Grenada, Miss., nearly one hundred miles southeast of here. You can see it on most any map. We may be gone from camp as long a time as we have drawn rations for, or we may be gone 90 days for aught I know.

I don't know as we will have any opportunity to get our mail; though there will be dispatch bearers in, and the officers will, no doubt, have an opportunity to send it out to us. But whether or not, I will write when I can. I think there will be a post established at Grenada. We may, perhaps, repair the railroad, the main object—protecting the citizens and punishing guerrillas. Tennessee, I think, is coming around all right and truly repentant for her late mad efforts in attempting to destroy the Union. I feel hopeful. The country will come out

of the war purified, as the fire purifies the gold from the dross.

To-morrow morning at four o'clock the bugle will blow "reville," at five "boots and saddles," at five o'clock and fifteen minutes "to horse," at five forty-five minutes "assemble." So at a quarter before six I "mount," if nothing happens, to ride all day in clouds of dust, through green forests whose stillness is unbroken save by the chirp of birds and the intruding though steady tramp of more than a thousand hoofs; over pleasant ridges and fine plantations; to laugh, to joke, to sing songs, to be sad, to be merry, to think of Wisconsin, of home, of you! and all the rest. Of many, very many, who, though absent are not forgotten. To muse perhaps in silence over destiny. And now, dear C—, I'm to bed, (if bed it can be called) to snatch a few short hours of "sweet repose," to dream of days gone by, of many that to me are dear—Ah, yes, to dream of "fickle fame," not yet attained!

## The Fair Building.

The building for the soldiers' Home Fair, begun last week, is rapidly progressing, and if no interruption occurs, will be up, and nearly, or quite, enclosed by the end of the week. When completed it will present considerable architectural beauty, and will be adapted to the purpose for which it is designed.

Through the kindness of Mr. Mix, the architect, we are enabled to give some description of the structure as it will appear when finished. It is on the corner of Main and Huron streets, extending across the latter to the sidewalk on the south side.

It fronts Main street, and is three hundred feet long by one hundred and thirty-five feet deep. Through the center of the building, and running across, will be a hall ninety feet wide, the roof of which will be fifty feet high and form a Gothic arch.

Running entirely around this hall will be a gallery for stalls and tables. On the right, entering from Main street, is a room eighty-eight by one hundred and thirty-five feet, which will be devoted to dining rooms, kitchens, committee rooms &c. On the left of the great hall, and running at right angles to it, is a corridor, sixteen feet wide, and communicating with an entrance on Huron street. Along the sides of this corridor will be stalls for the display and sale of articles.

On the right of the corridor, turning down from the great hall, will be the Fine Art Gallery, thirty-three by fifty-five feet. Next is a room of the same size, which has not yet been appropriated.

Next to this is a room fifty-five feet square for machinery.

On the left of the corridor is the room for arms and trophies, the same size as the Fine Art Gallery.

Next is a room, of the same dimensions, not yet appropriated, and next to this is the School Department, fifty-five feet square.

To one standing on Main street, the structure will present the appearance of a central building, two stories high, gothic arched roof, flanked by wings one story with shed roof. The material of the building is undressed pine lumber, most of which has been donated by lumbermen here and elsewhere.

At the close of the fair the building will be sold, and, as the greater part of the lumber can be used for other purposes, it will bring no small amount into the treasury. The building will be very substantial, will be well lighted and ventilated, and easy of access.

Daily Wisconsin.

H. WETSTEIN.

Third door east of Hyatt House.

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## CITY NOTICES.

FOR BUSINESS EDUCATION.—Go to Bryant, Stratton and Spenser's Milwaukee Commercial College. "This is the cheapest." The college paper is sent free to any address. dawly679.

"Life hath shadows, save a promising green, Which lights the future with a faded ray. O, touch the spirit."

Use Dr. D. H. Seelye's Liquid Catarrh Remedy, and you will be able to join in the universal commendation of this truly invaluable specific. my14dawlw.

Horse WANTED.—In a good location, convenient to business, and containing from 8 to 10 rooms. Any person having such a house to rent will please address P. O. Box 134. marl8dte797.

Janesville, March 27th 1865.

REMOVED.—Dr. Judd, Eclectic Physician and Surgeon, has removed his office to north Main street, Bates' block, office formerly occupied by Bates & Nichols. All calls promptly attended in or out of the city. Consultation free.

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No LADY'S TOILET COMPLETE unless there be the Fragrant Sodas; unto the breath sweet odors it imparts, the gums a ruby redness soon assume, the teeth quick rivel abalaster tint, and seem as pearls set in a coral vase.

Sold by all Druggists and Perfumers.

Norier is hereby given to hotel and saloon keepers, that the time appointed by the Common Council to grant licenses for the current year, to vend spirituous liquors, is May the 17th instant.

Blank bonds will be furnished at the City Clerk's office. Jno. MITCHELL, Mayor.

Dated Janesville, May 10th, 1865. my10d7de966.

Jeff Davis

Has removed from Richmond, and H. WETSTEIN has removed from Wilson's music store to the west side of the river, in Worthington's old store, near the Hyatt House. Look to your interest, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, and get your Watches, Jewelry and Clocks repaired where you can get them done the best and the cheapest. Gold pens repointed as good as new.

H. WETSTEIN.

Third door east of Hyatt House.

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Ice Ice for 1865!

Kent & Murdock, having bought out J. W. Allen, the former ice dealer of Janesville, in addition to the large quantity of ice in their new ice house, are now prepared to furnish ice to the citizens of Janesville for the coming season, ending October 1st 1865, at the following prices viz:

15 lbs. per day \$10.00

20 " " 12.00

30 " " 15.00

50 " " 25.00

100 " and upwds 30cts per hun'd.

Orders left with E. L. Dimock at his General Agency, Lippin's block, Milwaukee St., will be promptly attended to.

Drivers will also be supplied with blank orders.

Season customers will pay July 1st 1865.

A liberal discount made to those who pay in advance.

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SEWING-MACHINES.—Of the many inventions and improvements of sewing-machines, none have so satisfactorily stood the test of time and service as Grover & Baker's. They have taken the highest premiums at the recent State Fairs of fifteen States; they have, moreover, received the warmest encomiums from all persons who have ever used the machines, and those who have had opportunities to compare the different styles of machines, generally prefer Grover & Baker's to any other. They do the work neatly and well, do not get out of order, and are readily adapted to any kind of sewing. We would advise our lady readers, who are in want of a sewing-machine, to call at Grover and Baker's. —Brooklyn Standard.

Offices—No. 13 Newhall House, Milwaukee, J. A. French, Agent. No. 3 Hyatt House Block, Janesville.

H. M. Wright, Agent.

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THE CULTIVATOR OF CORN.—The large amount of corn to be planted this season, renders it necessary for the producer to have some improved implement for its cultivation. To meet this demand, I am now building "The Badger State" gig corn planter.

After six months experimenting with different models, we have one which we are willing should be put to the test, and that it should stand or fall on its own merits. A lengthy description does not seem to be necessary. We will simply say that we are confident it will perform all that any cultivator will, and all that any farmer will require of it. It has six shovels, or four, as desired. The shovels are so arranged as to cultivate wide or narrow, shallow or deep; and they all have a very easy side motion. To say that they are made under the supervision of G. F. Lane, is a sufficient guarantee that they will be well made. In fact, they will be warrantied in every respect.

The Badger State gig cultivator will be sold this season at \$50 at the shop.

Calls and see it at the shop one block south of the Hyatt House.

R. J. RICHARDSON, Manufacturer.

Janesville, May 5th, 1865.

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THE ERIC Dispatch says that the

harbor was commenced recently by

a party of United States Engineers.

It will include soundings of the bay and entrances,

and a topographical survey of the entire shore line on the mainland and island.

The work is part of the general survey of the lakes under charge of Col. W. F. Reynolds, U. S. A., who succeeded General Meade, formerly in charge of the work.

Yours Respectfully,

J. C. FITCH.

CAMP 2D WIS. CAV., NEAR MEMPHIS, TENN., May 8th, 1865.

DEAR.—We have just drawn 37

days' rations: sugar, coffee, hard tack,



